

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 and 9-20 were presented for examination and were pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of October 25, 2006. The amendments made herein were discussed in that interview.

Applicants cancel claims 19 and 20 and amend claims 1, 17, and 18. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the proposed claim amendments filed on July 24, 2006, which further cancel claim 9.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7 and 10-18, as presented herein, patentably distinguish over the cited reference (including references cited, but not applied). Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

In addition, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if the Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
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